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APPLICATION OF: Patrick BRIOT et al.

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EXAMINER: Nadine G. Norton

SERIAL NO: 09/644,605

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OILS WITH A HIGH VISCOSITY INDEX

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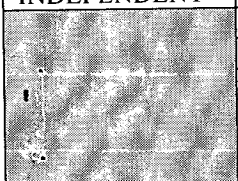
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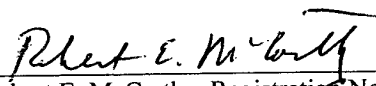
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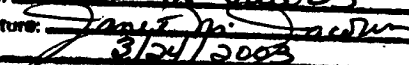
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the application and consider the remarks which follow.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~amend~~ the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for producing oils with a high viscosity index from a feed containing constituents with boiling points of more than about 300°C comprising
- reacting hydrogen with the feed or with a mixture of the feed with at least a fraction of a stream recycled from c), in the presence of a catalyst comprising at least one amorphous non zeolitic matrix and at least one metal or compound of a metal from group VIII of the periodic table and/or at least one metal from group VIB to produce an effluent;
 - fractionating at least a portion of the liquid effluent obtained from a) so as to separate at least one oil residue comprising mainly constituents with viscosity indices which are higher than that of the feed;